


Fund for Gender Equality

GENERAL PROGRAMME INFORMATION				
Project Information				Ghana
Project Name	Building Capacities to Influence Climate Change Policies from a Gender Perspective			Programme Type: Catalytic
Lead Org	ABANTU for Development			Grant ID: 2816
Co-lead Org	Ghana Gender and Climate Change Coalition			
Thematic Area(s)	Political Empowerment			
Thematic Sub Area(s)	Gender-sensitive response to sectoral policy (climate change)			
Grant Amount	\$500,000	Grant Start Date	December 18, 2009	
Additional Gov't Funding		Grant End Date	December 31, 2011	
Total Budget	\$500,000			

Partner Agencies	
Government	Ministry of Environment, Science and Technology; Environmental Protection Agency; Ministry of Women and Children's Affairs; District Assemblies; Environmental Protection Agency
Civil Society	Network for Women's Rights In Ghana (NETRIGHT); Domestic Violence Coalition (DVC) and the Women Manifesto Coalition (WMC); The Ghana Gender Climate Change Coalition (GGCCC); women's media groups ; policy advocacy groups

Programme Summary
In Ghana, women are on the front line in key productive sectors such as agriculture that are particularly vulnerable to the impacts of global warming. The programme seeks to tackle the gender-differentiated impact of climate change through innovative and precedent-setting advances in policy-making, mitigation and adaptation measures. It will contribute to a growing body of knowledge on climate change as a development issue with gender implications that cut across all sectors.

DETAILED PROGRAMME INFORMATION				
Contribution to Law(s)				
Name of Law	Law Type	Year Implemented	Type of Contribution	Expected Level of Contribution (High or Low)
National climate change adaptation strategy	Strategy	2010	Gender Mainstreaming	High
Ghana's Readiness Preparation for REDD;	Policy	2010	Gender Mainstreaming	High
National climate change policy	Plan	2010	Gender Mainstreaming	High
National disaster management plan Strategy/Policy/Plan	Strategy/Policy/Plan	2010	Gender Mainstreaming	Yes

Expected Programme Outcomes
Outcome 1: Expanded GACCES Coalition (Gender Action on Climate Change for Equality and Sustainability) effectively lobbies, works with and tracks progress of policy makers on engendering climate change policy.
Outcome 2: An increased number of women's groups and individuals publicly demand the inclusion of gender perspectives in Ghana's climate change policy.
Outcome 3: Policy makers indicate an interest and willingness to include gender perspectives into the draft national climate change policy and to implement its attendant national climate change adaptation strategy.

Main Achievements

From its initial stages, the programme has successfully implemented initiatives to raise awareness and establish strategic networks among women's NGOs in Ghana. ABANTU and GACCESS have made remarkable progress with respect to all three of their stated outcomes. ABANTU and GACCESS are leaders in this area and have obtained Ministries' unprecedented support for their agenda. The co-leads are strongly positioned to capitalize on this unique constellation of circumstances and favorable political will in order to facilitate Ghanaian women's access to greater resources and capacity building in response to the effects of climate change. To date, the programme has successfully:

- Launched, with wide media coverage
- Conducted ongoing meetings and awareness-raising workshops and "training of the trainers" with policy makers, CSOs, traditional leaders, women, members of the media and other key stakeholders. To date, 508 people have participated in awareness-raising activities on gender and climate change [including 158 politicians representing 9 political parties; 198 members of civil society and 78 members of the media; 94 informal sector workers; 22 higher education students and 9 traditional authorities]
- Influenced policies at the local, national and international levels by serving on various committees including: the National Climate Change Committee; the gender Committee of the Pan Africa Climate Justice Alliance and meetings of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Tianjin, China and Cancun, Mexico. Moreover, ABANTU played a leading role in the incorporation of a gender perspective into the ECOWAS draft policy document on Climate Change (Mali, July 2010).
- Developed a gender analysis framework in order to facilitate the review of climate change related documents in Ghana
- Implemented local livelihoods projects in three communities in the Upper West Region of Ghana

Key Highlights

GACCESS is the first coalition in Ghana working on gender and climate change. Relevant Ministries and peer organizations have recognized it as a pioneer in this area, using ABANTU and GACCESS' gender analysis framework to develop climate-change policies.